ALABAMA BAPTIST HISTORICAL SOCIETY

# MINUTES

OF THE

## FORTY-SECOND ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

# JUDSON BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

HELD WITH

## Headland Church, Henry County, Ala.,

**OCTOBER 3, 4 and 5, 1892.**

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**OFFICERS.**

J. B. WARD, Moderator ..... Abbeville, Ala.
W. A. MCCLENDON, Clerk ..... " "
W. J. MARTIN, Treasurer ..... " "

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.**

J. W. FOSTER ..... Abbeville, Ala.
M. V. CAPPS ..... " "
A. ARMSTRONG ..... " "
W. L. MCGEE ..... Lawrenceville, "
J. F. DAWSEY ..... Dothan, "

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The next session will be held with Christian Grove Church, commencing on Friday before the First Sunday in October, 1893. Introductory Sermon to be preached by Rev. H. C. Hurley; alternate, J. T. Barnes.

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# MINUTES.

The Judson Baptist Association convened in her forty-second annual session with the Headland, Ala., church September 30th, 1892 at 11 o'clock a. m.

The introductory sermon was preached by Rev. J. W. Malone from 1st Corinthians, 19 chapter and 15 verse. after which the brethren consented to pray for each other when the body took a recess until 1 p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Bro. J. B. Ward called the body to order. Sung "Nearer my God to Thee" and prayer was offered by Bro. C. W. Hare. Brethren R. C. Granberry and J. M. Stevens read the letters from the churches

The names of the messengers were enrolled as follows:

1 Abbeville--A. L. Martin, H. C. Hurley, and R. W. Miller,
2 Bethel—J. W. Malone, S. J. Belcher and A. L. Bay.
3 Beulah J J. Boyett and J. G Patterson.
4 Christians' Grove—R. B. Lee and J. W. Hughes.
5 Center - J. M. Wells and W. N. Kirkland.
6 Concord—F. M. Kirkland and J. C. Kirkland.
7 Enon—Robt. Goolsby and Charley Bridges.
8 Fellowship—D. W. Capps and M. M Murphy.
9 Headland—S. J. Knowles, J. A Campbell and R. C Granberry.
10 Hebron W. J. Etheredge, John B. Hasty and A. J. Armstrong.
11 Judson J. E. Holmes and Edwin Campbell.
12 Lawrenceville—R. M. Espy and W. L. McGee.
13 Mt. Pleasant—not represented.
14 Mt. Ariel—R. D. Richards and R. A. Davis. Al W. C Jernigan.
15 Oaky Grove—J. G. Mourning and A. J. Lisenby.
16 Old Zion A. Starling and J. H. Starling.
17 Pleasant Grove—M. V. Capps, A. Armstrong and S. M. Singletary.
18 Sardis E. D. Holly and John Griffin.
19 Shorterville—G. T. Roberts.
20 Smyrna—J. F. Dawsey and W. W. Whiddon.
21 Tolbert—J. J. Ward and Jackson Hodges, and Jas. Yance
22 Union.
23 Adoniram,

## ORGANIZATION.

The moderator announced that it was now in order to elect a moderator and clerk for the ensuing year, tendered his resignation and called Bro. McGee to the chair. On motion the regular rule was suspended. A motion was made and carried to elect by acclamation, brother Ward was put in nomination, a vote taken and he was unanimously elected moderator. Under the same rule and order brother W. A. McClendon was re-elected clerk. The moderator and clerk thanked the body for this expression of confidence, after which brother Ward resumed the chair and announced the association organized and ready for business. On motion the regular order of business was resumed.

1st. Called for petitionary letters.

2d. Invited visiting ministers to seats with us and received from the Columbia association brethren W. P. Stewart, N. Culbreth, J. J. White and A. Armstrong. From the Newton, R. C. Deal. From the Montgomery association, C. W. Hare, who reported that he was from the Montgomery association, but not as a correspondent, but was representing the ministerial board of education.

3rd. Called for correspondence and received from the Columbia association brethren J. R. Atwell and B. J. Forrester.

On motion the regular order of business was adopted for the rules of this body while in session.

The moderator appointed the following committee on preaching: R. M. Espy, J. J. Boyett, M. V. Capps and the messengers from Headland church.

Finance Committee—R. C. Granberry, S. M. Singletary and J. E. Holmes.

The moderator asked for further time to appoint other committees and on motion the request was granted.

The moderator requested the standing committees to be ready with their reports when called upon. Brother A. J. Armstrong moved that the moderator supply the vacancies by appointment, amended so as to allow each committee to make their own selection.

A motion was made to meet at 8:30 a. m., adjourn for preaching at 11 a. m., assemble at 2 p. m. and adjourn at pleasure. Carried.

Appointed Correspondents—To Bethel (Ga.) association, G. T Roberts. To the Newton association, W. L. McGee, A. L. Ray, H. C. Hurley, A. L. Martin, A. Armstrong, D. Burdeshaw, J. B. Ward, S. J. Belcher and J. W. Malone. To the Columbia association, J. T. Barnes A. J. Armstrong and J. B. Hasty.

Delegates to State Convention—A. L. Martin, J. T. Barnes and J. B. Ward.

Southern Convention—H. C. Hurley.

Brother A. Armstrong moved that brother Hurley be allowed to choose his own proxy. Carried.

Elected Executive Committee and Treasurer—On motion of brother Roberts the same executive committee and treasurer were elected by acclamation.

Called for the report of the executive committee, but on motion, fur-

ther time was granted.

Called for the report on state missions, but on motion, further time was granted.

The committee on preaching made the following report:

That brother Stewart preach at night, Sept. 30th, at the Baptist church; brother Hurley at 11 o'clock, Oct. 1st, at the Baptist church, and brother Ray at the same hour at the Methodist church: brother J. J. White at night at the Baptist church. Brother W. B. Crumpton at 11 o'clock Oct. 2d, at the Baptist church, and brother Hurley at the same hour at the Methodist church

On motion adjourned.

## SECOND DAY.

SATURDAY, OCT 1st, 1892.

At 8:30 a. m. the moderator called the body to order and devotional exercises were conducted by brother White.

The moderator appointed the following committees:

On Documents—J. G. Patterson, J. W. Hughes and W. N. Kirkland.

On Nominations—F. M. Kirkland, D. W. Capps and W. J. Etheredge.

On Deceased Ministers and Deacons—A J. Armstrong, Jackson Hodges and M. M. Murphy.

On Publications—W. B Herring. W. C. Jernigan and Robt, Goolsby.

The moderator renewed the call for correspondents and brother Levi Kirkland, of the Columbia association, responded and, on motion, was received. Brother Capps moved and it was carried that an opportunity be given the brethren to volunteer as correspondents to the Columbia association. The moderator called for volunteers and the following responded: J. A. Campbell, Jackson Hodges, S. J. Knowls, M. V. Capps, J. W. Herndon, J. J. Boyett, G. T. Roberts, J. W. Knowles and J. C. Kirkland. Brother Malone moved, and it was carried, that any brother of the Judson be allowed to represent us in the Columbia association.

### REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

The Executive Committee of the Judson Association beg leave to submit the following report:

Your committee had a meeting at Abbeville on the 9th day of November 1891, and upon a full investigation of the financial condition of the Association ascertained that the available fund on hand was very small. Bro. A. L. Martin, who had served us in evangelical and mission work for the year ending Sept. 30. 1891, under our contract with him, was due the sum of $200. He had been paid only $45.12 leaving still due him the sum of $154.88. From the clerk of the association we ascertained that, according to the report of the finance committee. the fund available to meet the above demand was $116, which amount we ordered the treasurer to pay over to brother Martin, which was done, leaving due him a balance of $38.88 for services rendered in 1891. We present this item as one of the debts of the association which should be paid as soon as practicable.

We further ascertained that the pledges for the present year (1892) made at the last session ( et 3. 1891) amount to $79.

Assuming that this will be paid, and that out of it the above debt of $38.88 will be settled. we had left, available for the year the sum of $40,12. This was indeed a small basis upon which to begin mission work for the year 1892. but

inasmuch as the association had adopted a suggestion that this work should be carried on, leaving it to the committee to contract therefor and appreciating the importance of the work we explained the situation to Bro. Martin, and passed a resolution requesting him to do as much evangelical work as he felt it was practicable for him to do, not less than two months, at the rate of $50 per month. Under this resolution Bro Martin has worked two months and we are due him therefor the sum of $100. Add to this the balance of $38 88, for services rendered in 1891, and we have a total debt of $138.88, to meet which, as before stated, there are outstanding pledges aggregating $79. We feel that it will be the pleasure as well as the duty of the association to provide promptly for the payment of said debt It affords us pleasure to say that the work of Bro. Martin has been faithfully performed and has resulted in much good to the cause. In conclusion we beg to suggest that our association is strong in numbers and a very small contribution from each member, for each of the causes which we should support, will aggregate a large fund for each cause, and enable us to accomplish a great deal.

The time has come when we must all work and contribute in a systematic, business-like way if we would be of much aid in the Master's cause. May the Lord direct.

Fraternally,

W. J. MARTIN, Ch'n.

On motion of brother Malone the report was adopted.

On motion the regular order of business was suspended and the moderator invited visiting ministers to seats with us. Brethren Burr and Sanders, from the Columbia association, accepted.

Regular order resumed.

Called for the report on state missions and, by request, it was read by brother Hare as follows:

## REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

Your committee beg leave to call the attention of the association to the importance of State missions. Some eighteen years ago the State Mission Board was organized to look after the matter of seeing that the churches of our own state had preaching. This board, by the help of the churches, has aided in supporting preachers, for a part of their time, at many places throughout the state. By the help of this board the Baptists in the new towns have been enabled to get a foothold before other denominations had preempted the territory. These people, so soon as they could build a house, virtually relieved the board from further help and, in turn, the new church became a helper to the general cause.

There is yet much to be done by the Baptists of Alabama through their state mission board. During this year nearly fifty missionaries have been at work and have done much good. Our corresponding secretary, brother W. B. Crumpton is earnestly calling on the churches to give this board the money to pay the men who are already at work and to enable him to put more laborers in the field.

The Judson Association is asked to contribute the sum of $500 for all missionary purposes during the next year. This will only be about thirty-two cents per member. Surely the Baptists of this goodly association will give, on an average, that much now for the world's evangelization.

Your committee recommend that a committee on apportionment be appointed to divide this sum among the churches and request them to raise the amount suggested to them.

F. B JERNIGAN,
R. M. ESPY,
J T. BARNES } Com.

Called for the report on Home Missions, which was read by brother Hurley and is as follows:

## REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

We, your committee on Home Missions, beg leave to make the following report.

By reference to the minutes of the State convention, we find that the last report of the board to the Southern Baptist Convention shows most gratifying results. Increase is shown all along its line of work. We glean from the report the following encouraging facts:

Thirty-six more workers employed than in 1891. The results of labor show a corresponding increase. Baptisms this year, 5,349, a gain of 872 over the preceeding year. The additions to mission churches show a gain of 1,889 over last year. There were 59 more church houses built this year than in the preceeding one. The sum expended in their erection last year was $37.324.85; this year it aggregates $60,473.00.

A great and glorious work is being done by the board in Cuba, but we find that it is in debt there to the amount of $35,000, which must be settled by the first of December, and Alabama is asked to contribute $3.000 for that purpose.

Brethren, in view of the foregoing facts, we deem it necessary to recommend that a special collection be taken and sent up to relieve the board of its indebtedness.

On refering to our minutes, we find that we sent up at the last session of this body, the collossal sum of eight dollars, which does not amount to more than one half a cent apiece for our entire membership. We ask that our ministers and brethren, of their respective churches, who are informed on the subject, impress the importance of the work of the home mission board upon their members, and by the blessings of God it will prosper as it never has before.

Respectfully submitted,

MARTIN V. CAPPS, Ch'n

Called for the report on Foreign Missions, which was read by brother A. L. Martin, and is as follows:

## REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The committee on foreign missions submit the following report:

We find from the report on foreign missions at the last convention, things very hopeful, and calling for more laborers and means to carry out this great work, and we realize, in order to do this, we must keep up our mission work at home and among the churches for they are the foundation of all our work.

Respectfully submitted.

A. ARMSTRONG, Ch'n.

Bro. McGee moved to adopt the reports on missions.

Pending the adoption of the reports, forcible addresses were made by brethren Martin and Hare. At the conclusion of brother Hare's address a motion was made to adjourn for preaching. Motion prevailed. Sung long meter do xology, benediction by S. J. Knowles.

At 11:30 the brethren assembled at the house for preaching. As previously announced, brother Hurley occupied the stand at this hour and preached upon Mark 16:16 to a large and appreciative audience, after which brother Hare offered prayer and the benediction was pronounced by brother Hurley.

## AFTERNOON SESSION.

At 2 o clock p. m. the moderator called the body to order. Prayer was offered by brother Herndon. At this time the letter from Union church was presented, read and, on motion, the messengers were enrolled.

The subject of mi-sions being the pending question, and brother W. B. Crumpton having just arrived, he was called on to address the body on those subjects, which he did in his usual forcible and earnest style.

A motion was made and carried to allow only ten minutes time to those who vished to address the body on missions. Brother Malone spoke in opposition to the modern means proposed for the spread of the gospel. Brother Crumpton replied, showing conclusively that the means proposed were in strict harmony with the teachings of Christ and the apostles. Brethren Hare and Hurley addressed the body, also, favoring the present means in vogue for spreading the gospel.

The report on state missions was read again by brother Hare and, on motion the reports on state, home and foreign missions were adopted.

### REPORT OF A. L. MARTIN, EVANGELIST.

DEAR BRETHREN:

The report of your executive committee will show the contract under which I have worked for the past year and the amount due me for the services performed. The work which I have done during the year just closed is as follows:

Number of days actually engaged in travel and preaching, 54; number of sermons preached, 45; number of mile- traveled, 425. I made it a point in my travels to pray and give religious instructions to the person or persons with whom I stopped. I was well received wherever I went. In my judgement, the most useful and impressive work an evangelist can do is through the medium of personal visits and personal appeals and personal application of the truths of the gospel to the brethren and people generally. In this way, as well as through sermons preached and other work performed in the cause of Christ, I feel that my efforts have been blessed and that I have been used as an humble instrument in His hands, to promote, to some extent, His kingdom upon the earth.

To anyone who will stop and study the question from a religious standpoint, looking at it in the light of Bible truth, it is evident that one of the greatest duties now resting upon us is the prayful and pious prosecution of our evangelical and mission work. Every effort made in this direction gives such prompt and full returns as to convince the most doubtful that God invariably blesses and approves it.

It is the means which God has provided for the spread of the gospel, and if we use it in His name He will bless the effort. The greatest event in the history of our people would be a thorough awakening to their duty and privileges in this regard. Fraternally,

A. L. MARTIN,
Evangelist.

The report was adopted.

Brother Malone moved that the executive committee be empowered to employ brother Martin as evangelist for the next year, or for as much time as the means in sight would allow. Motion carried.

It was resolved that the association will try to raise $500 to aid in the support of the causes which the Baptist denomination undertakes to

support, namely: work within our own bounds, state missions, home missions and foreign missions, and to the end that we might have an organized system upon which to prosecute the work of raising the money, the executive committee was authorized and required to apportion the amount to be raised among the various churches, not as a levy or assessment, but as a request that they pay the same.

The executive committee, by the same resolution, was authorized to apportion the fund raised among the said causes, to-wit: work within our own bounds, state missions, home missions and foreign missions, in such manner as to them may appear right and equitable.

## APPORTIONMENT BY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

During the session of the association a resolution was adopted pledging the association to an effort to raise $500 to aid in the support of the causes which the Baptist denomination undertakes to support, viz:

"Work within our own bounds, state missions, home missions and foreign missions," and the churches were strongly urged to make this undertaking good. The executive committee, under the resolution, was authorized and required to apportion the sum to be raised among the various churches, not as a levy or an assessment, but merely as a request that each church try to send up to the next meeting of the association the sum apportioned thereto. The committee have made up the apportionment on the basis of membership and append hereto a table showing the same.

| CHURCH. | MEMBERSHIP. | AMOUNT. |
|---|---|---|
| Abbeville, | 117 | $ 39 78 |
| Bethel, | 106 | 34 04 |
| Christian Grove, | 66 | 22 44 |
| Center, | 88 | 29 92 |
| Concord, | 80 | 27 20 |
| Enon, | 51 | 17 34 |
| Fellowship, | 64 | 21 76 |
| Headland, | 152 | 49 46 |
| Hebron, | 37 | 12 58 |
| Judson, | 70 | 23 80 |
| Lawrenceville, | 19 | 6 46 |
| Oak Grove, | 30 | 10 20 |
| Old Zion, | 25 | 8 50 |
| Pleasant Grove, | 131 | 44 54 |
| Sardis, | 27 | 9 18 |
| Shorterville, | 86 | 29 24 |
| Smyrna, | 52 | 17 68 |
| Tolbert, | 115 | 39 10 |
| Union, | 41 | 13 94 |
| Beulah, | 82 | 27 88 |
| Mt. Ariel, | 44 | 14 96 |
| Totals, | 1,483 | $ 500 00 |

The executive committee was also authorized to divide or apportion the fund raised among the various causes we support, to-wit: Work within our bounds, state missions, home missions and foreign missions, in such manner as to them may appear right and equitable. This latter

duty will be performed by the committee as soon as the amount of actual cash at our disposal is ascertained.

This proceeding, on the part of the association, arises from the necessity for organized and systematic action on the part of our people, and if each member will do his duty there will be no trouble. A very little from each member of each church in the association will raise the sum needed. We hope that none of our members will do themselves or the association the great injustice of charging that any levy has been made against the churches, for such is NOT the case. It is only a REQUEST which we hope each church will try to comply with.

Fraternally,

W. J. MARTIN,
M. V. CAPPS,
A. ARMSTRONG,
W. L. McGEE,
J. W. FOSTER. } Ex. Com.

## REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

We, your committee, would say that temperance, on general principles, is too comprehensive, but recommend that our churches observe the laws of temperance strictly in the discipline of their members, that light and good may reflect from them upon the cause of temperance that is so destructive.

Respectfully submitted,

S. J. BELCHER, Ch'n.

On motion the report was adopted.

On motion adjourned until 7 o'clock, p. m. Benediction by Bro. Ray.

## EVENING SESSION.

The association met pursuant to adjournment and was called to order by the moderator. After singing, brother Crumpton led in prayer, when the regular order of business was taken up and transacted as follows:

The circular letter was called for and read by brother Ray. It was discussed and highly commended by brethren Crumpton and Hasty and was unanimously adopted.

## CIRCULAR LETTER.

### LOYALTY TO CHRIST.

Having been appointed to write the circular letter, I find it to be a very difficult task to select a subject that will be of equal interest to all and after a very serious consideration of this important task I have selected a subject that should seriously concern every earnest follower of the Lord Jesus Christ, and that is, "Loyalty to Christ."

Man, in his first estate, was not capable of legislating for himself. While he no doubt, possessed the same assuring disposition that ever has and still characterizes him, and truly was the most intelligent of all God's creatures, yet, we see him encompassed by the law. It might have appeared strange to him, and, no doubt, he did question the propriety of that law, insignificant as it might have appeared to him, yet, his future destiny and that also of his posterity depended upon its observance, for God declared that in consequence of his failing to keep that law he should surely die. Notwithstanding the fearful declaration that fell from the lips of omnipitent Jehovah, we see him displaying that reckless disposition that has ever since characterized his posterity,

doing the very thing God commanded him not to do. True loyalty to Christ does not consist in laborious works neither in lengthy ceremonies, but a willingness of soul, spirit and body, and an uncompromising desire to do His bidding without consulting our own, or the desires of others.

The first loyal subject that appears in Sacred History was Abel. While we have no evidence of his ministry other than that displayed in his offering, yet the voice of his blood was heard, and, in sympathy with that voice, God meted out vengeance to his adversary. We find in searching the Sacred Record that under all circumstances God has ever respected and blessed His people while observing and executing His laws according to His commandments. We find that in every case of disobedience God has visited the same with judgement, whether personal or national He has inflicted the punishment according to the magnitude of the transgression. On the other hand He has ever blessed those who yielded strict obedience to all His requisitions. There has ever been a disposition upon the part of man to question the propriety of God's laws and predestined purposes, and man has ever displayed a disposition to substitute God's laws with his own, but the loyal servant never stops to ask whether the law or ordinance is an essential or a non-essential, but his watch-word is "obedience," and falters only to inquire: "Lord, what wilt Thou have me to do?" His chief desire is to do his Heavenly Master's bidding; as for the essential character of the bidding, he has no disposition to question. He is willing to leave the result with Him who has said, that all things work together for good to them that love God.

When Jesus was upon earth He set up a kingdom and unto that kingdom He committed His sacred ordinances. He, being King, had the exclusive right to enact just such laws as were best calculated to promote His kingdom upon the earth. There was then one faith, one Lord and one baptism, and for two hundred years, or upwards, there was but one kingdom, but man, in his wild imaginations, prompted by the adversary, institutued another kingdom, and modeled it so near like that set up by Jesus Himself that many, doubtless, have been deceived, for instead of teaching the doctrines of Christ, they teach the commandments of men; instead of teaching salvation by grace, they teach salvation by works; (thus robbing Christ of all the glory;) instead of practicing baptism as Christ ordained it, they substitute and practice a form foreign to that which Christ gave his church; instead of confining baptism to the believer (as Christ and His apostles did, they administer it to the unbeliever, while they declare the true mode of baptism non-essential, yet they practice a form not authorized by Christ, and say it is essential. Christ said to His disciples: 'If ye love me ye will keep my commandmenis;" then it necessarily follows that if we keep not His commandments it is the evidence of our dis-love for Him.

What are the commendable features of a soldier? First, he must be brave. Second he must understand military tactics and last but not least, he must be loyal to his commander; not only ready to unsheath the sword at his captain's command, but willing to wield that sword even at the peril of his own life Then, if we are loyal subjects of Christ, we should turn from all other law-givers—be brave enough to renounce all laws and ordinances except those given by Him.

Sometimes it brings storms of persecutian upon the faithful follower to maintain and defend the Maater's cause; often suffering the reproach, contempt and evil sayings of those who claim to be the children of God, but loyal subjects of the Lord Jesus esteem the reproaches hurled at them for Christ's sake more than the ungodly applause of the world, for they remember that the Master suffered persecution also and declared that His followers should also suffer.

It is strange that we, as the followers of Jesus, should expect the friendship of the world, yet, it is a deplorable fact that a great many, even ministers,

trive to please and gratify the selfish and ambitious creeds and unscriptural beliefs of men, seeming to forget the important fact that to be the faithful and loyal subject of Christ, and the exponents of His blessed gospel, they must come in contact with all the false gospels and ordinances of men. In this life we may expect persecutions, because our Savior said that His followers should be hated and their names cast out as evil doers. All this has been verified, for when we turn to Sacred History we can trace His royal family back through the ages by their blood prints but notwithstanding all the hardships and hard sayings, there has ever been, and still remains, a "few" holding fast to the Master's commandments looking and praying earnestly for their deliverance, when their great Captain shall come in all of His glory. Then the loyal servants will hear the sweet welcome: "Come ye blessed of my Father, thou hast been faithful in a few things, I will make thee ruler over many."

A. L. Bay.

The report of the committee on Sabbath Schools was read as follows:

## REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

We your committee on Sabbath Schools, beg leave to make the following report:

We are glad to find that the interest in Sabbath Schools in the bounds of our association is much greater than it has been hitherto. We gather this information from the brethren representing the different churches. We hope that each brother and sister will renew their energy on this subject, and that each church in this association will strive to have the best Sabbath School. We suggest that brother Hurley address this body on the importance of Sabbath Schools.

Submitted,

A. Doughety, Ch'n

On motion, it was resolved that the further consideration of the report on Sabbath Schools be postponed until Sunday morning, 9 o'clock at which time brother Hurley will address the body.

The report of the treasurer was read and adopted as follows:

## TREASURER'S REPORT.

Abbeville, Ala., September 30th. 1892

*Judson Association in account with W. J. Martin:*

| 1891. | | CR. | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Oct. 10 | By cash paid | W. A. McLendon, clerk, | $ 5 00 |
| " 24 | " " | " " | 15 00 |
| " 31 | " " | " " | 5 00 |
| Nov. 9 | " " | A. L. Martin, | 116 00 |
| Dec. 5 | " " | J. T. Barnes, | 16 25 |
| " 19 | " " | Freight on minutes, | 20 |
| " " | " " | Express, | 55 |
| " 22 | " " | Postage, | 1 15 |
| " 24 | " " | Alabama Printing Co., | 27 75 |
| " " | " " | Money order, | 17 |
| 1892. | | | |
| Jan. 20 | " " | J. T. Barnes, | 36 30 |
| May 3 | " " | Missions, | 7 50 |
| " 3 | " " | Postage, | 10 |
| Sep. 30 | " | On hand to balance, | 16 20 |
| Total | | | $247 17 |

| 1892. | | DR. | |
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| Oct. 2 | To cash on hand | | $ 02 |
| " 3 | " General funds, | | 170 60 |
| " | " for J. T. Barnes, | | 26 40 |
| " 4 | " from Bethel church for disabled soldiers, | | 2 00 |
| " 5 | " for employing an evangelist, | | 9 00 |
| " " | " Foreign missions, | | 3 5 |
| " " | " Home missions. | | 9 5 |
| " 10 | " J. T. Barnes, per J. S. Espey, | | 24 15 |
| 1893. | | | |
| Jan. 9 | " J. T. Barnes, per J. S. Espey. | | 2 00 |
| | Total. | | $247 17 |

W. J Martin, treasurer, begs leave to submit the foregoing report.

Ten Dollars of the amount on hand was sent to the association from Abbeville church as state mission money. The executive committee, deeming it unwise to expend money in another direction from which it was intended, therefore refused to use it as association money. Two dollars sent by Bethel church for the aid of crippled soldiers. Still in hand, $4 20 of the general funds, making the balance, $16.20, total amount on hand to date, all of which is respectfully submitted.

W. J. Martin, Treasurer.

On motion of brother Malone the $2 sent up by Bethel church for disabled soldiers was directed to be paid over to John Henry Whatley.

The report on education was called for and read as follows:

## REPORT ON EDUCATION.

We. your committee on education. make the following report:

The education of the sons and daughters of Alabama is a question of great interest to the Baptists of the state.

From the present outlook we believe our people are taking a greater interest in education than ever before. Each year seems to arouse in us a deeper interest in this great question of the education of our children. But our progress in this direction is no what it should be. We should, as Baptists of Alabama, have an ambition to bring up our children to that high standard of moral, intellectual and religious standing that they should occupy in this great Southland of ours. To accomplish this our people must contribute liberally to the building of comfortable houses and employing good teachers.

The people have begun to see the importance of christian education. Men are in demand who have been educated at christian colleges. A man with no moral character and no sense of uprightness, cannot obtain a position among any people. We recommend our state institutions, the Howad College and Judson Institute as being worthy the support of the Baptists, not only of this association, but of Alabama. If these institutions succeed we must support them. Not only does a young man in attendance upon Howard college receive mental training. but by the superior religious influences by which he is surrounded, his moral discipline is just what it should be.

We believe that there is an increasing demand of our people for an educated ministry. We, therefore, urge the necessity of every church in this association contributing more liberally to the cause of ministeria education. More ministers are needed in every portion of our state. To succeed the Baptists must fill up the ranks of the ministry with educated and properly qualified men. Brethren, we appeal to you to support ministerial education- christian education.

Respectfully submitted,

G. T. Roberts,
J. G. Patterson. } Com.
H. C. Hurley.

After discussion by brethren Miller and Hare, the latter representing the ministerial board of education, and brother J. B. Ward, (brother Malone in the chair) who represents the agricultural school at Abbeville, calling attention to the fact that it is a state institution, for the benefit of all the girls and boys of Alabama who may attend and also by brother Crumpton, the report was adopted.

The report of the committee on publications was called for and read as follows:

## REPORT ON PUBLICATIONS.

We your committee on publications, make the following report: We would recommend the study of the scriptures first and foremost of all, as for other literature, we feel that the Baptists of our association are better prepared to decide for themselves, but let's try all literature by the Word of God.

A. L. Ray, Ch'n.

After some discussion the report was adopted.

Motion was made to reconsider the vote by which the report was adopted and carried. The question recurring on the report of the committee on publications, brother Capps moved to amend the report by recommending the Alabama Baptist, Foreign Mission Journal, Our Home Field, and State Mission Quarterly. The amendment was adopted and then the report as amended was adopted.

The report of the committee on deceased ministers was called for and read as follows:

## REOPRT ON DECEASED MINISTERS.

The committee on deceased ministers and deacons make the following report: We find that the good Lord has spared all the deacons and ministers except one. That the Lord has seen fit, in His pleasure, to call from labor to rest brother W. B. Andrews, a minister belonging to Enon church.

Submitted

A. J. Armstrong, Ch'n.

The report was adopted.

## REPORT ON NOMINATIONS.

The committee on nominations beg leave to report the following: That brother H. C. Hurley preach the introductory sermon at our next session, brother T. J. Barnes alternate. Brother S. J. Knowles to write the circular letter. We further recommend that the association raise the amount due brother Martin and finish paying him for his services as evangelist.

Respectfully submitted.

F. M. Kirkland, Ch'n.

The report was adopted.

## REPORT ON DOCUMENTS.

We, your committee on documents recommend that the next session of this association be held with Christian Grove church, in Barbour county, commencing on Friday before the 1st Sabbath in October, 1893.

Respectfully submitted,

J. G. Patterson, Ch'n.

Adopted.

## REPORT ON FINANCE.

We, the committee on finance, beg leave to make the following report:

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| By cash received for | home missions | $ 20 00 |
| " " " | foreign " | 2 50 |
| " " " | state " | 1 00 |
| " " " | ministerial purposes | 14 00 |
| " " " | ministers | 21 75 |
| " " " | Associational purposes | 45 00 |
| " " " | paying the evangelist | 42 50 |
| To Error | | $ 1 00 |
| Total | | $ 146 75 |

S. M. SINGLETARY, Ch'n.

Adopted.

(Since the association I have received $2 from horter ille church, directed as follows: $1 50 for minutes and balance on pledge I received from brother A. J. Armstrong during the association. 25 cents, which will be credited to Hebron church for minutes. These amounts have been turned over to the treasurer and will be used as directed. Clerk.)

On motion adjourned until 8:30 tomorrow morning.

## THIRD DAY.

SUNDAY, OCT., 2, 1892.

At 8;30 a m the moderator called the body to order and the devotional exercises were conducted by brother Hurley.

Brother Armstrong offered the following resolution:

RESOLVED: That Adoniram church be stricken from the roll, she having failed to comply with the conditions under which she was received at the last session of the association.

The resolution was adopted.

On motion of brother Hasty the clerk was requested to pro-rate the minutes to the churches according to the sums sent up to pay for them.

The time having arrived for the discussion of the report on Sabbath Schools, brethren Hurley, Barnes, Herndon, Hare and Ward made interesting speeches on this important subject, after which the report was adopted.

On motion the moderator was allowed time to appoint standing committees.

Brother Hurley offered the following resolution:

RESOLVED: That the thanks of this association are hereby tendered to Headland church and community for their kind hospitality during our stay among them. Adopted.

On motion the reading of the minutes was dispensed with.

A motion was made that the executive committee appropriate $50.00 for ministerial education. Carried. Brother Herndon moved that we take up a collection for sisters Whiddon and Rogers. Carried. A collection was taken up amounting to $8.51 which was turned over to brother Herndon for distribution.

A motion was made and concurred in that this association take up pledges for associational purposes.

CHURCH PLEDGES.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Abbeville | $25 00 | Beulah | $5 00 |
| Christian Grove | 2 00 | Center | 5 00 |
| Concord | 3 00 | Fellowship | 5 00 |
| Headland | 10 00 | Hebron | 5 00 |
| Lawrencevi le | 2 50 | Pleasant Grove | 10 00 |
| Sardis | 2 00 | | |
| Total | | | $74 50 |

INDIVIDUAL PLEDGES.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| W. L. McGee | $1 00 | A. Armstrong | $1 00 |
| A. J. Armstrong paid | 1 00 | W. J. Etheredge | 1 00 |
| J. W. Knowles | 3 00 | W. A, McClendon | 1 00 |
| W. B, Herring | 2 00 | D. Capps | 1 00 |
| J. C. Kirkland | 1 00 | J. W. Hughes | 1 00 |
| Abe Taylor | 1 00 | J. A. Foster | 5 00 |
| J. T. Barnes | 2 00 | W. H. Capps | 1 00 |
| E. D. Holly | 1 00 | Joun Roney | 1 00 |
| S. M. Singletary | 1 00 | W. J. Barnes | 1 00 |
| S. J. Knowles | 2 00 | M. V Capps | 2 00 |
| A. L. Lisenby | 1 00 | am Clemons. paid | 50 |
| Total | | | $81 30 |

On motion the treasurer was ordered to pay the clerk $25.00.

A motion was made for the clerk to carry over the unredeemed church and individual pledges and have them published in the minutes.

(NOTE The clerk has nothing in his possession whereby he can make a correct statement.)

On motion adjourned for preaching. Benediction by Bro. Crumpton.

Rev. W. B. Crumpton preached to a large congregatian on the subject of missions, using as a text, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." His map explanations were beautiful and highly interesting, demonstrating the fact that brother Crumpton is a zealous, persevering, missionary Baptist working for the cause of Christ.

## ORDAINED MINISTERS WITH THEIR POST-OFFICES.

| | |
|---|---|
| A. L. Martin, | Abbeville, Ala. |
| H. C Hurley, | " " |
| J. W. Herndon, | Shorterville, " |
| J. W. Malone, | Wesley, " |
| J. W. Knowles, | Bracken " |
| D. E Burdeshaw, | Kincey, " |
| R. B. Lee, | Eufaula, " |
| M. Bracken, | Bracken. " |
| J. T. Barnes | " " |
| A. Daughty, | Cowarts, " |
| S. J. Knowles, | Headland, " |
| A L. Ray, | Bush, " |

## LICENTIATES, WITH POST-OFFICES.

| | |
|---|---|
| J. A. Campbell, | Headland. Ala. |
| W. H. F. Smith, | " " |
| A. H. Taylor, | Kincey, " |
| F. B. Jernigan, | Belcher, " |

## STANDING COMMITTEES

State Missions—T. A. Trawick, S. J. Belcher and J. H. Spivey.
Home Missions—M. V. Capps, W. A. Peacock and W. J. Doswell.
Foreign Missions—H. C. Hurley, R. B. Lee and W. L. McGee. To open discussion, R. W. Miller.
Education—N. L. Hawley, G. T. Roberts, A. Daughty. To open discussion D. Gillis.
Temperance—J. W. Mabone, A. L. Ray, F. M. Kirkland.
Indigent Ministers—A. J. Armstrong, R. A. Davis, J. E. Holmes.
Sabbath Schools—J. A. Campbell, A. D. Taylor, E. D. Holly. To open discussion, J. T. Barnes.

## CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE 1. This union shall be known and distinguished by the style and title of the JUDSON BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

ART. 2. This association shall be composed of representatives from the churches in the union, in the following ratio: All churches composed of one hundred members and under, shall be allowed two messengers; those having over one hundred and fifty members, three messengers; those having over one hundred and fifty and not two hundred members, four messengers; and so on in graduation—one messenger for every fifty members, who shall be required to furnish satisfactory evidence of their appointment by their churches before they take their seats.

ART. 3 The messengers, when convened, shall organize themselves into a deliberative body, by election of a moderator and clerk. These officers shall be chosen by ballot at each annual meeting, and continue in office until new ones are elected.

ART. 4. The association shall not interfere with the rights of the churches of which she is composed. She shall regard them as independent bodies in all matters of internal government, and shall only act as an advisory council, assuming no authority except what is expressly delegated to her by the churches or evidently implied by the very nature of this compact; she nevertheless, claims authority over her own members, the messengers of the churches, and in justice and propriety must have power to withdraw from and disown all churches that depart from the principles of this compact by becoming unorthodox in faith or disorderly in practice. She should, therefore, regard all the churches united under this Constitution with a vigilant eye for good. Her principle business shall be to promote the glory of God by extending His kingdom of grace on earth, through the medium of preaching the gospel and other means in accordance with the gospel: to cultivate union and fellowship with all the churches of Christ, and especially with those united in this association.

ART. 5 Newly constituded churches, or churches dismissed from other associations of the same faith and order, may be admitted into this union by their sending their messengers to an annual meeting, with a petition; and by those messengers agreeing to the Abstract of Principles herewith published.

ART. 6 The churches of this union shall transmit to every annual session of this association written communications, specifying the names of the messengers, number in fellowship, baptized, received by letter, dismissed, excluded restored and dead, since last session, and all other information which the churches may deem important, which shall be read and minuted accordingly.

ART. 7. This association shall have a fund, supplied by the voluntary con-

tributions of the churches, and all money thus contributed shall be transmitted from the churches and paid over, through the committee on finance, to the treasurer, who shall be elected by ballot and hold his ofice during the pleasure of the association. He shall receive and manage the funds according to the orders of the association, and present annually for insertion in the minutes, a clear and full statement of all receipts and expenditures.

ART. 8. This association shall furnish the churches with the minutes of every session.

ART. 9. This association shall not take cognizance of any query sent up by the churches unless they have endeavored to solve the same and failed, nor of any difficulty between churches, unless they have pursued the directions contained in the 18th chapter of Matthew and have not been able to settle them, then the association shall take such matters into consideration and act upon them at her discretion.

ART. 10. It shall be the duty of the clerk of the association to keep a regular file of printed minutes of every session of this body, and deliver over the same to his succeesor in office.

ART. 11. This association, when convened, shall be governed by proper Rules of Decorum which she is authorized to form and amend according to her own views.

ART. 12. This Constitution may be altered or amended at a regular meeting of this body, by a concurring voice of two-thirds of the members present: Provided, such alteration or amendment be approved by a majority of the churches.

## ARTICLES OF FAITH.

ARTICLE 1. We believe in the existence of one only true and living God, and that he has made himself known to his people under the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, the same in essense and equal in divine perfction.

ART. 2. We believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the word of God, and the only rule of faith and practice.

ART. 3 We believe in the doctrine of election, that God chose his people in Christ before the foundation of the world; that they should be holy and without blame before him in love, having predestined them to the adoption of children by Jesus Christ, accordieg to the good pleasure of his will.

ART. 4, We believe in the doctrine of original sin.

ART. 5. We believe in man's incompetency to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by nature, by his own will and ability.

ART, 6. We believe sinners are justified in the sight of God only by the imputed righteousness of Christ.

ART. 7. We believe that God's elecct shall be called, regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Ghost.

ART. 8. We believe that nothing can separate the true believers from the love of God, but that they will be kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation.

ART. 9. We believe that Baptism and the Lord's supper are ordinances of Jesus Christ, that the true believers are the only subjects of these ordinances, and that immersion only is baptism.

ART. 10. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and a general judgement.

ART. 11. We believe the punishment of the wicked to be everlasting and the joys of the righteous to be eternal.

ART. 12. We believe that no minister has a right to administer the ordinances unless he is called of God, and come under the imposition of hands by a presbytery, and is in fellowship in the church of which he is a member.

## RULES OF DECORUM.

1. Every query sent up to the association by any church in the union, shall be read and put to a vote by the moderator whether it shall be debated or not. and if there be a majority for it, it shall be taken up and investigated; but if not, it shall be withdrawn, provided always. that those be first considered which affect the union of the churches.
2. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the observation of the association, except it be withdrawn by the member who made it.
3. Every person who speaks in debate shall rise from his seat and address the moderator, and he shall not be interrupted while speaking, unless he depart from the subject in debate.
4. No person shall speak more than three times on the same subject without leave of the body.
5. No member shall abruptly break off or absent himself without leave of the body. and if he so does, he shall be marked as an absentee.
6. The names of the members of the association shall be enrolled by the clerk, and called over as often as the body may require.
7. The moderator shall be entitled to the same privilege of speaking as any other member, provided the chair be filled, but he shall not vote except the body be equally divided.
8. It shall be the duty of the clerk to keep a regular record of the proceedings of the body.
9. The minutes of the association shall be read and signed by the moderator and clerk before the body rises.
10. Amendments may be made to this form of government by two-thirds of the members in session.

## FINANCIAL EXHIBIT OF THE JUDSON BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, 1892.

| CHURCHES. | Home Missions. | Foreign Missions. | State Missions. | Ministerial Education at Home. | Minutes. | Associational Purposes. | Total. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Abbeville. ... | $ | $ | $ | $ | $ 1 50 | $10 00 | $ 11 50 |
| Bethel..... | | | | 2 00 | 1 50 | 6 50 | 10 00 |
| Beulah ..... | | | | | 1 00 | 4 40 | 5 40 |
| Center..... | | | | | 1 00 | 3 00 | 4 00 |
| Christ'n Grove. | | | | | 1 25 | 2 00 | 3 25 |
| Concord..... | | | | | 1 00 | 5 00 | 6 00 |
| Enon..... | | 2 00 | | | 1 00 | 3 50 | 6 50 |
| Fellowship.... | 5 00 | | | 5 00 | 50 | | 10 50 |
| Hebron ..... | | | | | 1 50 | 5 00 | 6 50 |
| Headland..... | | | | | 1 50 | 5 00 | 6 50 |
| Judson..... | | | | | 1 00 | 5 00 | 6 00 |
| Lawrenceville. | | | | 2 00 | 1 00 | 2 50 | 5 50 |
| Mt. Pleasant.. | | | | | | | |
| Mt. Ariel..... | | 50 | | | 1 00 | 2 00 | 3 50 |
| Oaky Grove... | | | | | 1 00 | | 1 00 |
| Pleasant Grove | | | | | 1 50 | 10 00 | 11 50 |
| Sardis ..... | | | | | 1 00 | 2 00 | 3 00 |
| Shorterville... | | | | | 1 50 | 50 | 2 00 |
| Smyrna..... | 1 00 | | 1 00 | | 1 00 | 4 60 | 7 60 |
| Tolbert..... | | | | 5 00 | 1 50 | | 6 50 |
| Union ..... | | | | | | | 6 00 |
| Old Zion ..... | | | | | 1 00 | 5 00 | |
| *Adoniram .. | | | | | | | |
| Total.... | $ 6 00 | $ 2 50 | $ 1 00 | $14 00 | $23 25 | $76 00 | $122 75 |

*This church was dropped from the roll at this session

Abbeville paid Pastor's Salary $300; Repair, Fuel, the Poor, Etc., $100; Value church building and furniture, $850.

# STATISTICS OF JUDSON BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, 1892.

| CHURCHES. | COUNTY. | PASTOR. | CLERK. | CLERK'S P. O. | Membership last Reported. | Increase by Baptism. | Increase by Letter. | In. by Restoration. | Decrease by Letter. | De. by Exclusion. | De. by Erasure. | De. by Death | Present Membership. | S. S. Offic's & Teach's. | Sunday School Pupils. | Preaching. | Sabbaths. | Report Prayermeet'g. | Report of Revivals. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Abbevi le | Henry | H. C. Hurley | J W Foster | Abbeville | 118 | | 3 | | 2 | | | | 117 | 15 | 107 | 2 | 4 | 1 | |
| Bethel | Barber | J. W. Malone | G W Walker | Bakerhill | 105 | | 4 | | 1 | | | 2 | 106 | | | | 4 | | |
| Beulah | Henry | D E Burdeshaw | J G Patterson | Dothan | 70 | 5 | 5 | 6 | 4 | | | 2 | 82 | S | S | | 3 | | |
| Center | Henry | A Armstrong | J M Wells | Bracken | 82 | 8 | 8 | 1 | 7 | 4 | | | 88 | | | | 3 | | |
| Christian Grove | Barbour | R B Lee | G B James | Eufaula | 67 | 2 | | 3 | 2 | 4 | | 1 | 66 | | | | 4 | | |
| Concord | Henry | R C Deal | G W Ward | Bracken | 68 | 9 | 4 | 1 | | 1 | | | 80 | S | S | | 3 | | Rev'l |
| Enon | Henry | D E Burdeshaw | N H Burdeshaw | Kinsey | 45 | 7 | 5 | 1 | 5 | 1 | | 1 | 51 | | | | 2 | | |
| Fellowship | Henry | R Deal | U Wiggins | Choctawbatchie | 67 | 4 | 2 | 3 | 7 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 64 | | | | 2 | | |
| Hebron | Henry | A Armstrong | J M Armstrong | Columbia | 40 | | | | 1 | 2 | | 1 | 36 | | 45 | | 3 | | |
| Headland | Henry | R C Deal | C B Herring | Headland | 149 | | 5 | 3 | 3 | 1 | | 1 | 152 | S | S | | 1 | 1 | |
| Judson | Henry | J W Malone | T M Malone | Wesley | 83 | 1 | | | 2 | | | 1 | 70 | | | | 1 | | |
| Lawrenceville | Henry | A L Martin | N L Hawley | Lawrenceville | 19 | 4 | 1 | | | | | | 24 | | | | 4 | | Rev'l |
| Mt. Pleasant | Barbour | | | | .... | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Mt. Ariel | Barbour | A L Ray | W C Jernigan | Belcher | 54 | | | | 4 | 2 | | | 44 | | | | 2 | | Rev'l |
| Oaky Grove | Henry | J T Barnes | F M Holland | Abbeville | 33 | 6 | | 2 | 8 | | | 2 | 33 | | | | 1 | | |
| Pleasant Grove | Henry | A L Martin | W A McClendon | Abbeville | 126 | 7 | 3 | | 4 | 1 | | | 131 | 8 | 80 | | 3 | | Rev'l |
| Sardis | Henry | J T Barnes | E D Holly | Lawrenceville | 32 | | | | 2 | | | | 30 | | | | 2 | | |
| Shorterville | Henry | H C Hurley | W F Mills | Shorterville | 89 | | | | | | | | 89 | | | | 3 | | |
| Smyrna | Henry | D E Burdeshaw | J D Doughety | Cowarts | 47 | 5 | 1 | | | | | | 52 | S | S | | 4 | | Rev'l |
| Tolbert | Henry | —— Stuard | M P Shelly | Headland | 118 | 12 | 2 | | 2 | 2 | | 1 | 126 | | | | 4 | | |
| Union | Henry | M Brackin | W L Brackin | Bracken | 41 | 3 | 5 | | 1 | | | 2 | 46 | | | | 1 | | |
| Old Zion | Henry | J W Malone | A Starling | Shorterville | 25 | | 2 | | | 1 | | 2 | 25 | | | | 3 | | |
| Adoniram | | | | | | | | | | | | 1 | | | | | | | |
| Total | | | | | 1478 | 73 | 50 | 20 | 55 | 20 | 3 | 18 | 1512 | 23 | 232 | | | 2 | |

*This church was dropped from the roll at this session.

## ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1 Call for Petitionary letters.
2 Invite visiting ministers to seats with us.
3 Call for Correspondents.
4 Appoint Committee on Preaching.
5 Appoint Committee on Nominations.
6 Appoint Committee on Deceased Ministers and Deacons.
7 Appoint Committee on Publications.
8 Appoint Committee on Documents.
9 Appoint a Committee on Finance.
10 Arrange the Hours of Meeting and Adjourning.
11 Appoint Correspondents.
12 Elect Delegates to State Convention.
13 Elect Executive Committee and Treasurer
14 Call for Report of Executive Committee.
15 Call for Report on Missions (A) State (B) Home (C) foreign
16 Call for Report on Temperance.
17 Call for Report on Aged and Indigent Ministers, and Deceased Ministers' Families
18 Reading of the Circular Letter.
19 Call for Report on Sabbath Schools.
20 Call for Colporteur's Report.
21 Call for Treasurer's Report.
22 Call for Report on Education.
23 Call for Report on Publications.
24 Call for Report on Deceased Ministers and Deacons.
25 Call for Report on Nominations.
26 Call for Report on Documents
27 Arrange time and place for next Session
28 Call for Report on Finance
29 Appoint Standing Committtees :
On State Missions,
On Home Missions,
On Foreign Missions,
On Sabbath Schools,
On Education,
On Temperance,
On Aged and Indigent Ministers,
On Church Building Fund,
30 Read Minutes
31 Adjourn

Fifteen minutes allotted for miscellaneous business at the opening of each session